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SUBJECT:EVENTS IN THE BUREAU

FOLLOWING ARE THE SIGNIFICANT AF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE YOU
DEPARTED ON YOUR TRIP:

1. CHAD - THE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION IS IN OMB FOR
CLEARANCE. THE NSC IS TRYING TO BREAK IT LOOSE. PRESIDENT
MALLOUM SENT A MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER ASKING US TO
EXPEDITE OUR ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THE ASSURANCES GIVEN
VICE PRESIDENT DJIME BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE. CHADIAN
AMBASSADOR TOURA GABA HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SEEK A MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT CARTER TO EXPLAIN THAT THE CHADIAN GOVERN-
MENT EXPECTS A RENEWAL OF THE REBEL OFFENSIVE IN THE NEAR
FUTURE.

2. GUINEA - THE EMBASSY IN CONAKRY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO
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SUGGEST THE GUINEA GOVERNMENT COULD FULFILL ITS UNDER-
TAKING TO ACCEPT A HUMAN RIGHTS DELEGATION BY RECEIVING A
DELEGATION FROM THE ICRC. WE PLAN TO PROPOSE A PL 480
PROGRAM OF ROUGHLY \$8 MILLION FOR FY 78, IN RESPONSE TO THE
GUINEAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST. EMBASSY CONAKRY WILL BE
INSTRUCTED TO ASK FOR CERTAIN ROUTINE ITEMS OF INFORMATION
AND TO EXPLAIN THAT, BEGINNING IN FY 78, HUMAN RIGHTS MUST

BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE PL 480 PROGRAMS CAN BE APPROVED. A CABLE IS NOW IN CLEARANCE INSTRUCTING EMBASSY CONAKRY TO ASK FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR COAST GUARD CUTTERS.

3. LIBERIA REFINERY CORPORATION - DYNALECTRON WHICH, WITH SUN OIL, OWNS MOST OF THE LIBERIA REFINING COMPANY INFORMED US THAT THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SUBSTITUTED ITS EARLIER OFFER OF \$1.5 MILLION FOR THE REFINERY WITH ONE WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE TWO AMERICAN COMPANIES TO PAY BETWEEN \$1 AND \$2 MILLION IN ORDER TO DIVEST THEMSELVES OF OWNERSHIP. WE HAVE ASKED EMBASSY MONROVIA TO EXPLAIN TO THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT THAT WE ARE CONCERNED THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY DETERIORATE, AND THAT THERE IS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE CASE. (DYNALECTRON HAS BROUGHT THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF JAMES WRIGHT, HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER.) WE SHALL DISCUSS THE CASE WITH LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR DENNIS ON AUGUST 26.

4. ZAIRE - IN THE WAKE OF THE ARREST OF COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NGUZA AND THE DISMISSAL OF CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR SAMBWA, PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS RESHUFFLED HIS CABINET. THE MOST NOTABLE APPOINTEES ARE UMBA DI LUTETE, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, TO REPLACE NGUZA; BOFOSSA W'AMB NKOSO, FORMER COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE TO
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REPLACE SAMBWA AS CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR; AND KIAKWAMA KIA KIZIKI TO REPLACE BOFOSSA AS COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

UMBA, WHO HAS CONSIDERABLE DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE, DID NOT FAVORABLY IMPRESS OBSERVERS DURING HIS PREVIOUS TENURE AS COMMISSIONER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FROM 1974-75.

EMBASSY KINSHASA NOTED THAT RELATIVE TO SAMBWA, BOFOSSA IN THE PAST HAD BEEN A LESS EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AND MAY PROVE LESS COURAGEOUS IN OPPOSING PRESIDENTIAL SPENDING PROPOSALS WHICH COULD IMPAIR THE GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET PERFORMANCE.

5. SUDAN - STATE-DEFENSE TEAM RETURNED FROM KHARTOUM ON AUGUST 23 AND IS DRAFTING REPORT ON SUDANESE DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS. TEAM VISIT WELL RECEIVED BY SUDANESE WHO ARE HOPEFUL THAT ITS REPORT WILL BE RECEIVED BY EARLY OCTOBER.

6. CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE - GOLDSMITH'S AND RANDAL'S STORIES WERE FRONT PAGE LAST WEEK. THUS FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION FROM BOKASSA OR THE GOCAE. BANGUI IS

QUIET. AMBASSADOR QUANTON RETURNED ON CONSULTATIONS

AUGUST 19 AND IS ASSISTING IN A DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW OF RELATIONS WITH THE CAE IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT AN APPROPRIATE USG RESPONSE. ON AUGUST 23 DEPARTMENT ISSUED A TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR JOURNALISTS CONCERNING THE CAE.

7. APRC MEETING TODAY WILL COVER A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION IN THE HORN AND VARIOUS COURSES OF ACTION WE MIGHT TAKE. (RELEVANT PAPERS BEING POUCHED TO NAIROBI TODAY.) WE WILL SEND A FOLLOW-UP CABLE REPORTING ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING.

8. THERE ARE NO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
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OF WHICH YOU ARE NOT ALREADY AWARE.

9. ANGOLA - WE HAVE RECEIVED INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT "LARGE NUMBERS" OF KATANGANS, ALONG WITH LARGE QUANTITIES OF WEAPONS, ARE ASSEMBLING IN EASTERN ANGOLA. ONE SOURCE CLAIMS THAT ANOTHER INVASION OF SHABA IS PLANNED SOON. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT PASSED ALONG TO AMBASSADOR BOWDLER A SIMILAR REPORT, ACCORDING TO WHICH THE CUBANS ARE PROVIDING MORE SUPPORT THAN LAST TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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